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LB 1141
LR 239

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. President, and members, AM3375, which I believe was duplicated and passed out on everyone's desk, is the amendment that we are talking about at this particular juncture. This, again, goes back to the discussion of last week when Senator Warner offered a change in the what originally was LB 1141 and converted that to a strengthening and a creation of a new coordinating commission, per se, as an alternative to LR 239. At that time, I again offered the suggestion that the community colleges be brought in underneath the coordinating aspect of that particular legislation and that is really what prompted, this is where I started. We ended up putting it into LR 239 a moment ago just in the same fashion. What you have before you on that handout then would be, in essence, it is not a white copy, it looks like it might be but you will notice what this is is just changing Section 1. There is a Section 2 that describes...if you happen to go back to the yellow copy, Section 2 describes what the ballot question in its specific statement would say. Other than that, this basically is LB 1141, which you have on your desks, plus Section 2 which is still in the yellow copy. Again, all it does is the same concept. It brings the community colleges in underneath the coordinating process but with language that is protective with respect to the constitutionality whereas the community colleges property tax revenues are specifically mentioned in such a way that it does not hinder the passage of this bill in such a way that it will have any effect on their capital construction and/or the property tax levies that they currently are under. So, it basically is the same concept in 1141 as we just did into LR 239. You may note also at the bottom that it discussed how this coordinating commission would be created with 11-members, initially that will be appointed by the Governor, 6 from specific districts that are approximately equal in population, and 5 that will be chosen at large, so we are talking about an 11 member coordinating commission that will provide the coordination, coordination as defined or as we have been defining it in LR 239 and with respect to coordination and what that constitutes. And so, with that, I offer the same concept to LB 1141.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, please, followed by Senator McFarland, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I think I have a question of Senator Warner, if he would yield, please.